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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: BRIAN MARK SHUSTER

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING OWNERSHIP OF VIRTUAL PROPERTY

☒ **APPLICANT(S) CLAIMS SMALL ENTITY STATUS. SEE 37 CFR 1.27.**

Enclosed are:

18 Pages of Specification

4 Sheets of drawing (☒ formal ☐ informal)☒ Declaration and Petition (UNSIGNED). ☐ Will follow.☐ Form PTO-1595 and an assignment of the invention to ☐ Will follow.☐ A certified copy of ☐ from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to Rule 55b and 35 U.S.C. 119. ☐ Will follow.☐ An associate Power of Attorney☐ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449 and ☐ prior art reference(s).☐ Preliminary Amendment.☒ General Authorization/Request to Petition for Extension of Time.☒ Postcard

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TOTAL CLAIMS	17	-20=	-0-	X 9	OR	X 18	\$-0-
INDEP CLAIMS	2	-3=	-0-	X 40	OR	X 80	\$-0-
MULTIPLE				X+ 135	OR	+ 270	\$-0-
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18 pages of Specification (which includes 17 claims and a one-page Abstract); 4 Sheets of formal Drawings; an UNSIGNED Declaration and Petition; a General Authorization/Request to Petition for Extensions of Time; a check in the amount of \$355.00 to cover the filing fee; a Transmittal Letter (Form PTO 1082); and Return Postcard are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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